

Victorian Government response to the Review of the Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Orders

The Victorian Government welcomes the Review of the Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Orders in Victoria from the Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee (PDAOC) and thanks members of the Committee for their work in producing the report.

The pandemic declaration and associated pandemic orders were retired on 12 October 2022 and are no longer in effect. Many of the findings and recommendations from the review will be taken into account in future pandemic preparedness planning.

The Independent Pandemic Management and Accountability Committee (IPMAC) released a Review of COVID-19 Communications in September 2022 which outlines the ways in which the Victorian Government and the Department of Health used a broad range of communication and engagement activities, informed by consistent messaging that was tailored for different sectors and priority cohorts to ensure maximum reach

In addition, the independent review into the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (the Act), currently underway, will capture the PDAOC reviews as key resources in guiding and framing any recommendations regarding the Act.